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FORD SIDESHOW CONTINUES

A flustered Toronto Mayor Rob Ford talks to media on Thursday. Ford says he has no reason to step down despite police confirmation they have seized a video that media have alleged appears to show him smoking crack cocaine. Story, page 5. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect in First Nations fraud surrenders

Hugo Gallegos. Former band accountant makes court appearance, accused of siphoning off over $1 million

A man accused of stealing more than $1 million from a Saskatchewan First Nation has turned himself in.

Hugo Gallegos, 40, was charged with theft over $5,000 after officials from the Whitecap Dakota First Nations contacted RCMP about the missing funds.

A former accountant for the First Nations, Gallegos appeared in court after a trip to his native country of El Salvador. RCMP say Gallegos returned to Canada on Tuesday. He then travelled from Toronto to Saskatoon for the court appearance.

Hugo Gallegos
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His attorney, Morris Bodnar, said Gallegos returned to deal with the matter voluntarily but noted "he didn't have to come back."

"He's going to deal with the matter and get it over with," Bodnar said outside Saskatoon provincial court on Thursday.

Gallegos was charged on Sept. 11, and after RCMP were unable to locate him they issued a Canada-wide warrant for his arrest, despite acknowledging he might have returned to El Salvador.

Bodnar said he arranged with prosecutors to have his client return to Canada without arrest, adding he's now waiting for disclosure on the case from the Crown.

"Now I can sit down with my client and talk to him rather than on the phone or by email," he said, noting he was unsure if his client had left for El Salvador before the charges were laid.

While Bodnar would not get into details on why his client travelled to El Salvador, he said it's information that will likely become available as the case works its way through the courts.

Gallegos was released on Thursday on a number of conditions including the surrender of both his Canadian and El Salvadorian passports, the registration of the address where he is residing with RCMP, and the provision of fingerprints to RCMP within 30 days.

He's scheduled to be back in court on Nov. 26.

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STARS unit to chart new course on blood transfusions

Shock Trauma Air Rescue. Initiative spearheaded by Regina General Hospital Transfusion Lab

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STARS in Regina is set to become the first air medical service in the country to stock blood in advance for needed transfusions during missions.

The initiative — spearheaded by the Regina General Hospital Transfusion Lab — will allow Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society staff to begin life-saving blood transfusions earlier, according to a press release to be released in the coming days.

"Because STARS serves critically ill patients, we saw an opportunity to expedite care by equipping crews with blood in advance that could be used immediately for missions," says Dr. Donna Ledingham, head of transfusion medicine for Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region's medical section, in a prepared statement.

Ledingham explains that her laboratory colleagues developed a process "using compact, medically-safe coolers" to ensure the blood is properly stored until needed.

"With collaboration from STARS, we now have a safe process that meets federal blood regulations," she added.

As part of the initiative, STARS will maintain two units of O-negative blood in a securely contained, six-kilogram "insulated thermal cooler" that will feature a monitoring device to ensure proper temperature.

"There are very few helicopter EMS services in North America that do this," STARS clinical operations manager Darcy McKay says.

"Having access to blood as part of pre-hospital care eliminates the delay of having to stop at a hospital during the flight, as we've done in the past. This is a true life-saving measure."

Health Minister Dustin Duncan also praises STARS for the "innovation" in emergency care.

"This life-saving innovation improves the speed and effectiveness of emergency care for patients outside major urban centres," Duncan says in a statement.

"It's great to see the commitment by teams in both organizations to put patients first."

Highly sophisticated moustache club or Sask. legislature? Why not both?

They're going to let it all grow out for a good cause. At the Saskatchewan legislature on Thursday, from left, MLA Greg Lawrence, MLA Greg Ottenbreitt and cabinet ministers Rob Norris, Gord Wyant and Randy Weekes prepare to participate in Movember moustache-growing as part of the annual, month-long campaign to raise funds and advocate for men's health.

COURTESY SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT

Saskatchewan may deny deadbeat parents hunting, fishing licences

Parents who don't pay child support could be denied hunting and fishing licences in Saskatchewan.

The province introduced legislation Thursday to restrict such licences for people who fail to make child- or spousal-support payments.

Justice Minister Gord Wyant said restricting hunting and fishing licences would be used when other enforcement options didn't work.

Those options include seizing wages and payments to people from the federal government and suspending driver's licences or passports.

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"I think that people have an obligation to support their families and, when these court orders are in place, I think people need to take responsibility for that." Justice Minister Gord Wyant

"This is just another tool to help enforcement. Currently, we're at 91 per cent enforcement — one of the highest in the country — which we're very proud of, so this is just another tool. How it translates in terms of increasing that enforcement number, we'll wait and see."

Wyant said Saskatchewan hopes to have all the rules in place by the middle of next year.

The province says Alberta and Nova Scotia have similar legislation, while Newfoundland and Labrador refuses big-game licences if people owe money. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two arrests

Dial-a-dope bust

A three-week long investigation into a dial-a-dope operation has yielded two arrests. After a vehicle was stopped Wednesday, a 19-year-old man from Edmonton and a 25-year-old man from Vancouver were taken into custody and are facing several charges, including possession for the purpose of trafficking. After obtaining a search warrant, police located 24 pieces of crack cocaine weighing between 0.2 and 0.3 grams each at a residence in the 1100 block of Hargreaves Crescent. METRO

73 per cent against

Sask. teachers reject tentative contract

Saskatchewan teachers have overwhelmingly rejected a tentative contract with the province.

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation says 73 per cent of 12,403 teachers who voted were against the deal.

The proposed agreement would have seen teachers get a 6.5 per cent increase over four years, including a 5.5 per cent salary increase and a one per cent lump-sum payment over the first two years.

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Saskatoon student inspired to help kids live better lives

Sounds of Hope.
Oksana Kishchuk throwing benefit concert to help raise money to build a school in Kenya

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Like many young people, Oksana Kishchuk's outlook on life changed when she was exposed to the Me to We movement.

Kishchuk was in Grade 7 when she heard founder Craig Kielburger give a speech. She decided that she wanted to be a part of the program and improve the lives of children in underdeveloped countries.

"I went home and told my parents I want to go to Kenya and they told me I have to raise half the money," said Kishchuk. "So I raised half the money and found my aunt to go with me and then went to Kenya in 2011 and have been fundraising ever since."

Now in Grade 12 at Walter Murray Collegiate, Kishchuk's latest project is inspired by that original trip.

On Sunday at the Knox United Church, she has arranged the second annual Sounds of Hope benefit, featuring poet Chris Tse and the Kenyan Boys Choir, who will also be performing at We Day Saskatchewan next week. "To have them come to my city and perform for a concert that I'm organizing is really exciting," she said.

Since Kishchuk and her friends at Me to We have already helped build a boarding school for girls in a Kenyan village, the proceeds from this concert go toward a counterpart for the boys.

"This cause is really important to me, but also really important to a lot of people around the world," she said.

Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at the door, the McNally Robinson bookstore and picatic.com.

Oksana Kishchuk has gone on several Me to We trips including one to Kenya to build a school for girls in 2011. This Sunday, she is organizing a benefit concert to raise money for a second school for the boys. COURTESY OKSANA KISHCHUK

Professor gets $50K to study those magic moments

Medieval expert Frank Klaassen is dispelling myths that surround the relationship between superstition and rationality.

Klaassen is an associate professor at the University of Saskatchewan, and this year he received more than $50,000 from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council to look into the evolution of magic practitioners from the Middle Ages to modern times.

"There's an overall thesis in Western history that the world has become increasingly disenchanted as time has moved on," Klaassen said. "And to some extent it is largely true, but it's also grossly overstated."

He explained that today there are many elements of magic that figure into popular culture, including the endurance of the Ouija board or the increasingly common vampire and zombie motifs in film.

On the flip side, while common perceptions dictate that the medieval era was lacking in scientific discourse, Klaassen said this is not always the case.

Early thinkers such as Thomas Aquinas and Albert the Great attempted to explain the mystery behind dreams from a biological standpoint.

"There are stories in the Bible about God or angels appearing in dreams," he said. "Medieval philosophers were interested in sorting this out, and they came up with five different kinds of dreams, most of which all had to do with how the body was working."

One of the primary focuses in Klaassen's current project is a period during the 16th century when magic and reason mixed in a peculiar way, and diabolical imagery started popping up.

German practitioners drafted specific instructions on how to sell your soul to the devil, he said. Meanwhile in Britain, he has found texts detailing the processes behind resurrecting the dead.

"You could see some of this stuff on an episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and it would make sense," he said.

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Immigration plan. Quebec to trim number of annual immigrants

The Quebec government, in the midst of a heated debate about minority accommodation, says it will lower its immigration targets so it can better integrate newcomers and ensure they are able to function in French.

Immigration Minister Diane De Courcy announced the reductions as she made public the government's immigration plan for the coming year.

The previous Liberal government had already started to trim levels before the debate over the values charter, a still-unadopted plan to ban civil service employees from wearing obvious religious symbols such as the hijab.

About 55,000 immigrants came to Quebec in 2012, which the government of Premier Pauline Marois now believes is too many.

The target for 2014 has been set between 49,000 and 52,500 and will be reduced the following year to between 48,500 and 51,500 people.

Quebec Immigration Minister Diane De Courcy presents the 2014 immigration plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The province struck a deal with the federal government decades ago to gain some control over its immigration programs.

The former Charest Liberal government had planned to stabilize immigration levels around 50,000 new arrivals per year.

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Graves are dug for the bodies of migrants who died of thirst in the desert north of Arlit, Niger.
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Migrants perish in the desert

Niger. On their way to Algeria on a perilous route, just south of the vast Sahara, 92 died when their vehicle was stranded

Authorities in Niger have recovered 92 bodies of migrants who died of thirst after the trucks they were travelling in broke down in a desolate no-man's-land at the foot of the Sahara desert.

The people were being smuggled last month along a well-established trafficking route used to move contraband, including people, from Niger to neighbouring Algeria, said Col. Garba Makido, the governor of the Nigerien province of Agadez, south of where the bodies were found.

Officials were only alerted to the incident when a lone woman managed to stumble out of the desert earlier this month. She was picked up by a passing car, which took her to the city of Arlit, around 50 kilometres south of where the first of the two trucks broke down.

The next day, a father walking with his two young daughters also arrived. But his children perished of thirst just a few kilometres outside of Arlit, said Makido. A total of 21 people survived. Most made it to towns at the Algerian border. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For a new life

The tract of land that runs across the continent just south of the vast Sahara desert has for decades been the province of smugglers and criminals, including the local chapter of al-Qaida.

- Tens of thousands of West African immigrants attempting to reach Europe each year have tapped into this desolate route.
- They pay smugglers to ferry them across the ocean of sand in rickety trucks; many die.

Oregon

Alleged robber pulls a gun and offers an excuse

A woman who allegedly robbed an Oregon clothing boutique told the clerk: "Your money is insured. My kid isn't."

Tina Dambrosio owns the Sublime Clothing store in Clackamas. She said a woman entered her store Tuesday afternoon and pretended to browse. She then pulled a gun and ordered the clerk to put money in her handbag.

Dambrosio says the robber was holding open her bag when she made the comment about insurance. She fled in a nearby car driven by a man.

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East Jerusalem

Israel's plan to build in disputed area denounced by EU diplomat

The European Union's top diplomat has denounced Israel's plan to build more than 1,500 homes in Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. She calls the move illegal and a potential obstacle to peace.

Catherine Ashton, the European Union's high representative for foreign affairs and security policy, says the EU "deplores" the Israeli plan and says it violates international law.

Ashton said in a statement Thursday that "any actions that could hamper or undermine the ongoing negotiations must be avoided."

The construction plan, announced Wednesday, has also drawn angry condemnations from Palestinians.

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Tinderbox. Israel attacks Russian-made missiles in Syria: Officials

Officials say Israeli warplanes attacked a military target inside Syria.

An Obama administration official confirmed the attack happened overnight Thursday but provided no details.

Another security official said that the attack occurred in the Syrian port city of Latakia and that the target was Russian-made SA-125 missiles.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least twice earlier this year Israel launched airstrikes on shipments of missiles inside Syria.

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Euthanasia pioneer. Belgium considers giving children the right to die

In Belgium, where euthanasia is now legal for people over the age of 18, the government is considering extending it to children — something that no other country has done. The same bill would offer the right to die to adults with early dementia.

Advocates argue that euthanasia for children, with the consent of their parents, is necessary to give families an option in a desperately painful situation.

Opponents have questioned whether children can reasonably decide to end their own lives.

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"I have no reason to resign. I'm going to go back and return my phone calls. I'm going to be out doing what the people elected me to do and that's save taxpayers money and run a great government." Toronto Mayor Rob Ford

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"As a citizen of Toronto, I'm disappointed. This is a traumatic issue for the citizens of this city and for the reputation of this city, and that concerns me."
Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair

Ford 'crack video' in police hands

Bombshell. Footage could go public amid court proceedings involving Toronto mayor's friend

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

An associate of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is heading to court Friday morning on an extortion charge that may give the public its best shot at seeing the infamous "crack video."

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair announced Thursday the force had recovered the video from a hard drive seized during "Project Traveller," a guns-and-drugs investigation, on June 13.

He said the video is "consistent" with media reports. The video allegedly shows the "mayor, obviously impaired, smoking what appears to be crack cocaine and making homophobic and racist slurs," reports said.

Police technical experts recovered the video after it had been deleted from a hard drive and gave it to investigators on Oct. 29. As a result, Alexander (Sandro) Lisi, Ford's friend and occasional driver, was charged with extortion. Police accuse him of "extortive efforts to retrieve a recording" of the video since April.

Blair said the video will be submitted to court as evidence in this case, making it part of the public record. Media can request copies. However, if Lisi pleads guilty before evidence is introduced, the video may not be made public.

Blair also said there is more than one video, and he has seen them.

"There were several video files relevant to this investigation, and two videos that are particularly relevant to this investigation," said Blair.

His announcement came shortly after the release of partially redacted court documents pertaining to Lisi's arrest for trafficking on Oct. 1.

The documents show police tailed Ford, who called Lisi often and frequently met with him. Police observed Lisi passing plastic bags and envelopes to Ford.

Staying put for now

Despite the pressure on Ford, municipal law makes no provision for his forced removal from office unless he's convicted and jailed for a criminal offence.

- "There's nothing we can do at this point," Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister Linda Jeffrey said.
- "The province has no power to remove anybody, and obviously we'd have to wait as the investigation unfolds as to next steps."

Mayor Rob Ford walks past Halloween decorations on his way to talk to media at city hall in Toronto on Thursday. Ford says he has no reason to step down despite police confirmation they have seized a video that media have alleged appears to show him smoking crack cocaine. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clayton Ruby

Lawyer decries 'botched' probe

A renowned lawyer who failed to have Rob Ford ousted from office accused Toronto police on Thursday of deliberately giving the embattled mayor a pass on his alleged drug use and ties to accused and convicted traffickers.

Following police assertions they were now in possession of a video showing Ford appearing to smoke crack cocaine, Clayton Ruby was scathing about the investigation.

"The police have either ignored or overlooked all the evidence against Ford," Ruby told The Canadian Press.

"I've never seen such a botched investigation, and I've seen thousands."

Ruby called it "inexplicable" police never searched Ford's car or home, or wiretapped his phone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kenyan women cry for justice

Rally protests teen's gang-rape. Police freed suspects after making them cut grass as punishment

Hundreds of women in Kenya are protesting after a teenager was allegedly gang-raped and the only punishment for the suspects was that they had to mow the police station lawn.

About 300 women marched through Kenya's capital on Thursday to protest the alleged rape of a 16-year-old girl publicly identified only as Liz.

The online activist group Avaaz says Liz was gang-raped in June and she is now wheelchair-bound. The group says police arrested the suspected perpetrators but only made them cut grass at the police station as punishment.

More than 1.3 million people have signed an Avaaz petition calling for the prosecution of the alleged rapists and an investigation of the police who freed the suspects.

One protester, Fanis Lisegali, noted that Liz now suffers from health problems, including a fistula. Lisegali said he wants the government to ensure that justice is carried out.

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The alleged attack

The girl was attacked and repeatedly raped after returning from her grandfather's funeral in June, according to BBC News.

- She was thrown, unconscious, into a nearly seven-metre-deep pit latrine and suffered broken bones and spinal injury, the report said.
- When she was rescued she said she had been attacked by a gang of six men, but she could only identify three of them, the report added.

Hundreds of women protest at a demonstration in Nairobi, Kenya, Thursday, after a teenager was allegedly gang-raped in June and no one was jailed. Police who arrested the suspected perpetrators freed them after only making them cut grass at a police station as punishment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remains of 360 people dug from Bosnia grave

Forensic experts search for human remains at a mass grave in Tomasica, near the Bosnian town of Prijedor, on Thursday. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two decades after Serb soldiers conducted house-to-house searches in a campaign of ethnic killings in Bosnia, forensic scientists are digging up what could turn out to be the largest mass grave from the 1992-95 war.

So far, the remains of 360 people have been found at the Tomasica mass grave discovered in September near the northern town of Prijedor, far more than expected, authorities said Thursday. The number is expected to rise and could one day surpass the 629 bodies found at Crni Vrh in Srebrenica.

The Missing Persons' Institute said the Tomasica grave is linked to a secondary one found in 2003 about 10 kilometres away, where 373 bodies were extracted. Authorities believe the killers moved parts of the remains from one grave to the other to hide the crime. The bodies are of Bosniak and Croat men, women and children killed in their villages during the war. Most of the victims were killed in their villages but teams have also found bullets in the grave, which indicates this was also an execution site, prosecutor Eldar Jahic said.

Near the grave, Vahida Behlic, 51, was sobbing as she watched forensic experts carefully lifting bones from the site, where skeletons were piled on top of each other. She thinks one of the skeletons could be of her mother, who was 60 when Serb soldiers came, dragged her out of the basement and shot her in front of her house.

"I heard the story from a witness who survived because his own grandmother threw herself on him and covered him with her body," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grave size

5,000

The grave covers more than 5,000 square metres and is 10 metres deep.

Party tensions set tone for Conservative convention in Alberta

Tough times for the Tories. MPs and delegates have begun to arrive in Calgary amid political controversy

A cameraman adjusts his camera in the main hall at the Conservative convention in Calgary Thursday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A flood postponed their convention in the spring — now Conservatives are facing a deluge of political challenges as they gather in the party's heartland.

The ongoing Senate expenses scandal and allegations of a coverup at the most senior levels is expected to be a hot topic in the convention corridors, even if the upper chamber is not officially on the agenda.

The Conservative caucus and senior ranks have been wearied by the controversy. Some say they have felt broadsided by constant bursts of new information — including embattled Sen. Mike Duffy's latest revelation that the party paid $13,500 for his legal fees. That's in addition to the $90,000 the prime minister's chief of staff secretly gave to Duffy to repay contested living expenses.

But the roller-coaster ride in Ottawa hasn't appeared to put a damper on registrations for the convention.

MPs and delegates began streaming into the city Thursday, as registration opened at the Calgary stampede grounds — an area that was underwater during the June floods.

Party president John Walsh says despite the change in dates due to this spring's flooding in Alberta, he predicts a record 3,000 people will attend Stephen Harper's keynote speech Friday night.

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Montreal

Man rescued months after bear attack

A man has been rescued, clinging to his life, after spending three months in a remote forest during which he survived a bear attack.

Police are sharing the improbable story of Marco Lavoie, 44, an experienced hiker who set off on what was supposed to be a two-month excursion on July 16, 2013. Police can't say exactly when the bear attack occurred but it was likely in mid-August.

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Montreal

Jacked-up-o'-lantern

Montreal border officials have stumbled upon a Halloween surprise.

The Canada Border Services Agency says a woman was arrested Thursday with three pumpkins in her luggage at Montreal's Trudeau International Airport. The pumpkins were allegedly stuffed with two kilograms of what is believed to be cocaine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Britain. Prosecutor enlivens phone-hacking trial with sexy allegation

In a blockbuster court declaration in Britain's phone-hacking trial, prosecutor Andrew Edis says two of Rupert Murdoch's senior tabloid executives — Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks — had an affair lasting at least six years.

The affair covered the period when she was editor of Murdoch's News of the World tabloid and Coulson was her deputy. Coulson later edited the same paper and then became a top media adviser to Prime Minister David Cameron.

Edis made the disclosure Thursday during Coulson and Brooks' trial on phone-hacking allegations, the first major criminal case to go to court in the hacking saga. Coulson, Brooks, and her husband, Charles, all deny the charges against them.

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Former News of the World editor and Downing Street communications chief Andy Coulson, left, and Rebekah Brooks had an affair, court was told Thursday. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Watchdog raps CSIS

Detained. Montreal man claims he was tortured by Sudanese intelligence officials during two periods of detention, but Canada says it knew nothing of the alleged abuse

Canada's spy agency inappropriately disclosed personal and classified information about a Montreal man while he was imprisoned in Sudan, says a federal watchdog.

In its annual report tabled Thursday, the body that reviews the activities of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service also says CSIS reported inaccurate and exaggerated information to partner agencies about Abousfian Abdelrazik's case.

Abdelrazik, 51, was arrested but not charged during a 2003 visit to see his ailing mother in Sudan.

While in Sudanese custody, he was interrogated by CSIS about suspected extremist links.

In its report, the Security Intelligence Review Committee found no indication that CSIS had asked Sudanese authorities to arrest or detain Abdelrazik.

Days after Abdelrazik's second release from prison in July 2006, his name appeared on a United Nations Security Council blacklist that prevented him from flying back to Canada.

Abdelrazik, who has four children, finally returned to Montreal in June 2009. That same month, the Federal Court of Canada concluded CSIS was complicit in his 2003 detention.

Abdelrazik is suing both the federal government and former foreign affairs minister Lawrence Cannon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rome: Activists clash with riot police over housing policies

Activists, some wearing Guy Fawkes masks, clash with Carabinieri police in riot gear during a demonstration in Rome on Thursday. Clashes between police and activists broke out during a demonstration by protesters demanding rights to have a home when police prevented the marchers from reaching a nearby location where a meeting between representatives from the government, regional authorities and city hall was taking place to discuss housing policies in the capital. MAURO SCROBOGNA/LAPRESSE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Morsi trial. Security forces plan for protests

Some 20,000 police officers and soldiers will guard the upcoming trial of Egypt's toppled president, an official said Thursday, as Islamist opponents plan massive protests that may spark more turmoil.

An Interior Ministry official warned that any protesters attempting to break into the courtroom where ousted President Mohammed Morsi will be tried will be met "decisively with force."

The warning came as a Muslim Brotherhood-led coalition called Thursday for mass demonstrations across the country starting Friday until Nov. 4, set as opening day of Morsi's trial.

Morsi, a Brotherhood leader, faces charges of inciting murder and violence in connection to deadly clashes at the presidential palace in December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Moving on. Snowden now has tech job at Russian website, lawyer says

Anatoly Kucherena, a lawyer for former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden, says his client has found a technical support job at a Russian website.

Kucherena told the RIA Novosti news agency Thursday that Snowden starts his new job on Friday. Kucherena declined to name the company that has hired Snowden but says it's a major Russian website.

The 30-year-old faces espionage charges in the U.S. for uncovering a mass surveillance scheme at the National Security Agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edward Snowden
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New documents

Nazi Gestapo chief died in Berlin

It was one of the great remaining mysteries surrounding the final days of the Second World War — what happened to Heinrich Mueller, the head of the Gestapo secret police and the highest-ranking Nazi never to have been captured or located.

But a leading German researcher said Thursday he has uncovered historical documents indicating Mueller never made it more than a few hundred metres from Hitler's bunker in downtown Berlin and was eventually buried in a common grave in a Jewish cemetery destroyed by the Nazis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man in a car giving a thumbs-up to a woman driving in Saudi Arabia during a day of protest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Men join fight to allow women behind the wheel

Saudi Arabia. No laws ban females from driving, but authorities don't issue licences

A growing number of men are quietly helping steer a campaign to end Saudi Arabia's ban on allowing women to drive, risking their jobs and social condemnation in the conservative kingdom.

Some of the men have even been questioned by authorities, and one was detained by a branch of the Saudi Interior Ministry — a move that sent a chill through some of the activists working to put women behind the wheel. On Saturday, 60 women defied the ban. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Activism, Saudi style

Since the campaign was launched protesters have produced videos of women driving and put them online.

- Some men have simply ridden as passengers with women.

The Strand Magazine. Never-published H.G. Wells essay to appear

As Nazi Germany grew ever more dangerous in the 1930s and the Japanese threatened China, science-fiction author H.G. Wells wrote up some thoughts about real-life horrors and in 1937 submitted them to a magazine with the widest possible audience, Reader's Digest.

"Democracies need not merely freedom to think and talk, but universal information and vigorous mental training," warned the author of The War of the Worlds and other classics. The British author was known worldwide, but his message was apparently too strong for the conservative magazine, which never published the essay. Its debut comes more than 75 years later, in The Strand Magazine, on Friday.

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British historian and novelist H.G. Wells in 1940. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Italy

Cops bust ring of former agents hired to 'recover' children

Italian police have busted an international ring of former special-forces agents hired to "recover" children involved in custody battles who were spirited across borders by one of their parents. Police said Thursday three Italians and a Ukrainian were arrested in Italy. Warrants also were issued for two Norwegians and a Swede.

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Just joking

Two arrested in fake axe attacks

Police in Washington state have arrested two 18-year-old men accused of pretending to attack each other with an axe and using the axe to threaten passersby and taping them.

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Pilot likely high in New Zealand air-balloon crash

Adventure-tourism under scrutiny. Calls for tougher rules after flight killed 11 people

Crash investigators said Thursday that New Zealand needs stricter laws to ensure tourists remain safe after finding the pilot of a hot-air balloon likely smoked pot last year before taking a fatal flight that killed all 11 on board.

Citing recent fatal crashes, investigators called for random drug-testing and zero-tolerance rules for pilots, boat captains and other transport operators.

In their report on the January 2012 balloon accident near the township of Carterton, investigators concluded it was "highly likely" that balloon pilot Lance Hopping smoked marijuana shortly before the flight, which left in good weather. They concluded Hopping made several errors of judgment.

The balloon basket became entangled in power lines and exploded into flame, the report found. Two of the passengers jumped out, but died in their falls of about 20 metres. The heat then caused the balloon to break free of the wires and rapidly ascend, before crashing into the ground, killing Hopping and the other passengers.

Investigators didn't directly blame marijuana for the accident, but Chief Commissioner John Marshall said "the possibility that the pilot's judgment was impaired by the use of cannabis cannot be excluded."

Adventure-tourism plays a significant role in New Zealand's economy, but safety problems have increasingly come under the spotlight.

Radical destination

2.6M

2.6 million people visit New Zeland every year. At least one third goes bungee-jumping, skydiving or jet-boating.

"To people thinking of going to New Zealand on an adrenaline sport, think twice," Chris Coker of Britain told the BBC last year after his 24-year-old son was one of nine people killed in a skydiving plane that crashed in 2010 and later found to have been overloaded.

New Zealand's Ministry of Transport said it's carefully considering the recommendations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troll the ancient Christmas carol

Greeting-card giant Hallmark has been taking heat from critics who accuse the company of making a political statement by replacing the word "gay" with "fun" on a holiday ornament using a line from the lyrics of the "Deck the Halls" Christmas carol. Hallmark said Thursday it has no plans to stop selling the controversial mini-ugly-sweater ornament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death in Central America

Vancouver woman killed in Belize

Police in Belize are investigating the bloody death of a Vancouver woman.

Officials say the body of 57-year-old Patricia Lynn Nichiporowich was found stabbed several times in what appears to be a home invasion-type robbery.

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Mentally ill abused

Couple gets 20 months in jail for abusing relative

A husband and wife who abused a mentally handicapped relative before she died were sentenced Thursday to 20 months in jail.

Betty Anne Gagnon was kept in a home east of Edmonton in conditions that "did not meet the standards some pet owners demand for their dogs," said Justice Sterling Sanderman.

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Goodfella turned chef: The kitchen consigliere

Take the cannoli. Instead of sleeping with the fishes, Angelo Lutz is serving up fish dishes, and other classic Italian fare

Angelo Lutz, who served several years in prison for racketeering and extortion, plays up his criminal past in the decor of his restaurant — complete with cheesy gun lamps and faux bullet holes in a door. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When he was on trial for racketeering, Angelo Lutz denied the mob's existence, but now he's using his past in organized crime to promote his new restaurant, the Kitchen Consigliere.

The sign out front echoes the logo for The Godfather, but with a chef's hat. A mural on one wall puts Lutz, also known as Fat Ange, at a table with famous gangsters, both real (John Gotti) and fictional (Tony Soprano). Sconces to hold lights look like 9 mm handguns.

Lutz is using some unsavoury associations as he attempts a transformation from prisoner to opinionated celebrity chef.

Last week, he moved his operations from an 11-table restaurant to one three times as large on a prominent corner of the hip, foodie-friendly Philadelphia suburb of Collingswood.

Lutz, 49, grew up in South Philadelphia, where food was a big part of his life. According to federal prosecutors and a jury, he also did some bad along the way.

He was one of seven men convicted in a 2001 mob trial that made him a celebrity. He was the only non-"made" member of La Costa Nostra in the case and the only defendant allowed bail during the trial. And he talked and talked while he was out, calling into a sports talk radio show and cooking steaks for a TV news reporter.

The night before he entered prison, he cooked for his own going-away party, leading one TV reporter to call him "the kitchen consigliere."

In prison, he grew to well over 400 pounds and learned more about cooking, including how to use a microwave to bake a pizza made from flour stolen from the kitchen. When he got out in 2008, Lutz did some online cooking shows before opening his first restaurant.

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Difference of opinion

"I'm not a gangster.... The government considered me a gangster.... But what I am now is a businessman."

Angelo Lutz, one of seven men convicted in a 2001 mob trial that made him a celebrity.

The dream of lazy people everywhere. Amazon set to deliver groceries to you

Online retailer Amazon is taking on supermarkets by delivering food directly to Canadians' doorsteps.

The retail giant, which built its business selling books and entertainment through the mail, launched its new grocery category Thursday, in what's certain to be an intensifying battle between grocers.

Amazon says the initial selection includes 15,000 nonperishable grocery products, like coffee, cereal and baby food, from a variety of brands such as Campbell, Nestle, Pepsi and Kellogg.

While the launch doesn't include perishables like milk, fruits or vegetables, it's a strong sign that Amazon wants to make inroads in an area of the food business that hasn't been tapped by any company in Canada outside of major cities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tailoring the experience

"No one customer is the same, so our focus is on providing a broad selection of brands so that customers can easily and instantly find and buy exactly what they are looking for."

Amazon.ca country manager Alexandre Gagnon, said in an emailed response.

Will this impress her? Shania Twain among Canadians on stamps

Singing superstar Shania Twain and the late Saskatchewan curler Sandra Schmirler are among the notable Canadians who will be celebrated with postage stamps in 2014.

To coincide with the upcoming Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, a series of stamps will be issued in February commemorating notable Canadian athletes.

And several country music stars will be feted by Canada Post in a series to be issued in July — including Twain, Tommy Hunter, k.d. lang, Renee Martel and Hank Snow.

Other new stamps will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Ontario Museum, the 75th anniversary of the National Film Board, the return of the CFL to Ottawa and the UNESCO World Heritage Site series.

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Shania Twain, the pride of Timmins, Ont., is among the Canadian icons to be celebrated with a stamp next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cells on a plane

FAA lifts ban on electronic devices

Airline passengers won't have to "turn off all electronic devices" anymore — they'll be able to read, work, play games, watch movies and listen to music under new guidelines from the Federal Aviation Administration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fired for being late

Disabled Walmart greeter gets job back after outcry

Walmart is giving a disabled Colorado man his job back after he was fired as a store greeter for clocking in late after lunches.

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1 Diploma-see? North Korea's Kim Jong-un received an honorary PhD from a private Malaysian university. The institution bestowed the leader with a doctor of economics degree. Dr. Kim will, no doubt, wield the title with a straight face while governing one of the world's most dysfunctional countries, but on the bright side, maybe now he can get another job.

2 Spy vs. spy. There was an outcry of shock and disbelief in Europe after discovering that the U.S. National Security Agency was listening in on high-ranking Spanish, German and French officials. Government spokespeople issued disapproving statements with words like "disgraceful," or "appalling," referring of course to the act of getting caught.

3 Mama say what? Just months after Kim Kardashian gave birth to her daughter, the reality star is thinking of posing for Playboy again. Apparently, she is eager to show all of those people that made fun of her weight gain that she is hot again. Way to go, Kimmy. It's nice to see those maternal instincts kicking in.

4 Here's lookin' at you. Employing eye-tracking technology that measures, in milliseconds, how long the eyes are fixed on certain spots, a new study revealed that men spent more time on women's bodies than their faces. Before this technology, scientists lacked conclusive proof as they relied solely on verbal information, which brings us to two conclusions: Men are perverts, AND liars. And people say we don't spend enough on education.

5 Oops. A teaching assistant at the University of Iowa sent her math students an email saying, "Hi Class, I attach the solutions for number 76 and 78." Instead, she accidentally sent nude pictures of her and a man pleasuring themselves. The images went viral immediately, but even more regrettable was that some students spent the entire night trying to figure out how those images could possibly add up to the square root of a prime number.

6 The pusher. A cat in the European Republic of Moldova had been travelling freely in and out of the local prison through a hole in a fence. Suspicious guards apprehended the feline and discovered two packets of cannabis attached to its collar. The cat's lawyer argued that it was prescribed for a medical condition, and drew a plea bargain in exchange for the whereabouts of a long sought-after bunny rabbit that had been hiding out nearby.

7 This week in music. In 1998, Cher became the first woman over 50 to have a No. 1 single in the U.K. with Believe. But when Cher does something, she goes all the way. The song hit No. 1 in another 22 countries as well. That was 15 years ago, and she probably has one left in her.

8 Walk on the Wild Side. This week, we lost rock 'n' roll pioneer Lou Reed, lead singer and songwriter for one of the greatest bands to barely sell any records, The Velvet Underground. Lou was a poet and innovator of change. He walked softly with purpose, blazing a trail for all who followed. He will be missed.

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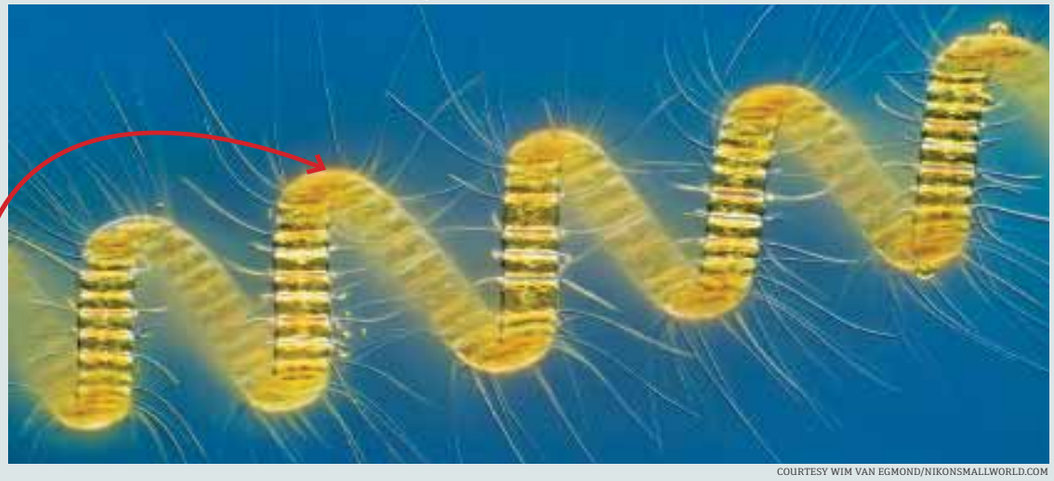
ZOOM

Here little phytoplankton...



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Marine diatom pic wins contest

An image of a hairy, coiled yet sublimely beautiful phytoplankton has won this year's Nikon Small World Photomicrography Competition, which showcases the best photographs taken through the microscope.

The picture of Chaetoceros debilis, a marine diatom, was captured by Dutch photographer Wim van Egmond. METRO

Q and A

'They are tragically beyond our perception'

WIM VAN EGMOND
Photographer, 47, from Berkel en Rodenrijs, the Netherlands

What exactly is it?
This particular species forms a colony in the shape of a chain like a helix. I gathered this sample from the North Sea by the Dutch coast.

Why is taking photographs of plankton so important?
I'm basically shining a light on a world that we know very little about, but one that is so important to our existence. Diatoms produce almost half of the Earth's oxygen through photosynthesis in our oceans. What's more, diatoms and other plankton are the foundation of the food chain in the natural world. Their role in our lives cannot be understated, but since diatoms seem invisible to us, they are tragically beyond our perception.

You're a die-hard diatom fan ...
Yes, they are so wonderful and bizarre; with 25,000 different species of them, with no two individuals exactly alike, diatoms are an endless source of inspiration. This is the basis from which all life started. METRO

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While I'm not advocating for public shaming or mob justice, once in a while, people just have to be put in their place. And sometimes, just sometimes, that only works if someone's watching. Luckily, when it comes to Twitter, someone (or some algorithm) is always watching. Consider yourself warned.

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@yesyoureracist:
Generally, if someone starts a sentence with "I'm not racist, but ..." they are clearly racist. This bot retweets those fools in an attempt to school them out of their idiotic, backwater ways. Halloween should be a particularly busy time for this bot with people still asking, "Why is blackface racist?"

@yesyouresexist:
The lesser-known offspring of @yesyoureracist works in the same way but, as imagined, calls people out on their sexist slip-ups. "I'm not sexist but females never have valid opinions on sports." Jerk.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: What's the best way to explain to an eight-year-old the calamity that is @TOMayorFord? #toronto #TOpoli #RobFord

@SmidorTyutin: "Remember the time daddy had too much beer? This miserable son of a b--ch has had too much beer all the time."

@AdamAJTupper: You stay away from that Mayor Ford. He likes death candy and calls people bad names on video when he has that candy

@MauriXXI: and that is why he has to resign...

@nataliegtherapy: Haven't U heard 'There Ain't No Crack Video'? song re #RobFord #TOpoli

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Synopsis

When Tim Lake (Domhnall Gleeson) turned 21 his father (Bill Nighy) lets him in on a family secret — he comes from a long line of time travellers. With visions of inter-dimensional travel in his head he does what any 21-year-old might do — use his unique ability to get a girlfriend. The object of his affections is Mary (Rachel McAdams), but to win her over he'll have to use his special gift to hone his Casanova skills. As they live their lives together he comes to discover that not everything can be solved with a quick trip back in time.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

About Time, starring Rachel McAdams and Domhnall Gleeson, opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Running out of Time

About Time. Rachel McAdams continues to take on time travel movies but the latest seems to hit the right note with a sentimental approach

Richard: Mark, this is the kind of movie critics will call sappy and sentimental. They'll bash it because it wears its heart on its sleeve, which is exactly the reason I liked it.

After The Time Traveller's Wife it's time Rachel McAdams got a time travel romance right. It's a silly premise but for me the idea wasn't about the time travel, but the lessons Tim learns from the time travel about life and happiness. What did you think?

Mark: Richard, as you know, I am no fun. No fun at all. So I spent most of the movie looking for paradoxes in the physics of the time travel conceit. Like all time travel movies, it sets up arbitrary rules, and then breaks them all over the place.

The movie features two of the worst haircuts in the history of cinema, and a romance I didn't really care about. But there's another deeper movie in there, which is a movie about fathers and sons, and I liked that part very much. Sentimental? Yes, but I felt that part of the movie worked better than its rom-com components. Of course, it could have been the haircuts.

RC: I didn't actually care much about the romance angle or the time travel. I was drawn to the film because of Domhnall Gleeson's charming and slightly goofy performance.

If John Hughes had made British films he would have loved this guy. He does have a bad haircut, but I thought he was a charming, if unlikely, leading man. He has a way with a line and I felt there was a real arc to his character. He literally grows up and becomes a man on screen, which is something you don't see in rom-coms very often.

MB: True enough, although I always thought there should be a law barring gingers from appearing in television and film.

I liked a lot of the scenes in the movie, especially one set in one of those noir restaurants, where you eat in total darkness. It's a literal blind date, and a nice twist on "meeting cute." Bill Nighy is wonderful in the movie, as he always is, and Rachel McAdams does a good version of cute, although she looked about five years too old for the part.

But then Gleeson would go into a closet and ball his fists and ... some of the goodwill was lost for me.

RC: Richard E. Grant's three-minute cameo is almost worth the price of admission. He has one of the best reaction shots I've seen this year.

MB: And a similar hairline as Nighy. Hmmmm....

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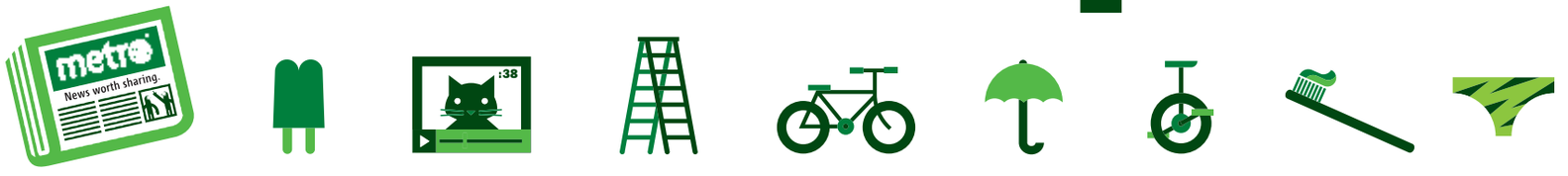

Animated

Free Birds

Director. Jimmy Hayward

Stars. Owen Wilson, Amy Poehler

A ridiculous series of events sends Reggie (Wilson) on a mission to stop his fellow fowl from being served at the first Thanksgiving and thus save millions of birds from becoming the centrepiece of the traditional meal for the rest of history. One should expect a certain level of unreality from a film about time-travelling turkeys. But Free Birds is so far-fetched and implausible that it's practically unwatchable. Even comedic favourites Wilson and Poehler can't breathe any life into the absurd plot.

REGAN REID

Action

Ender's Game

Director. Gavin Hood

Stars. Asa Butterfield, Harrison Ford

According to Orson Scott Card's hit novel Ender's Game, the future of mankind rests on turning kids into extraterrestrial killing machines and cadet commander Harrison Ford has his sights set on one conflicted adolescent saviour. While the drama is solemnly serious and short on fun, the performances (especially young Asa Butterfield) are decent and the effects entertaining enough to likely keep many kiddies captivated. For the rest of us, Ender's Game is simply played out.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

Last Vegas

Director. Jon Turteltaub

Stars. Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline

Take every cliché about ageing Lotharios, blend in barroom brawls, boobs and booze, add four ageing Academy Award winners doing embarrassing things and you have Last Vegas. The Flatbush Four childhood pals reunite in Vegas to celebrate one's marriage to a 32-year-old, but a woman of a more appropriate vintage (Mary Steenburgen) enters the picture, dividing the group. Cardboard characters deliver lines that sound hollow. Considering the talents involved it's a shame.

ANNE BRODIE

Documentary

Griot

Director. Volker Goetze

This vibrant documentary explores the legacy of the West African griot, a kind of musical historian and storyteller, through celebrated Senegalese musician Ablaye Cissoko, who presents local histories through song and verse. The directorial debut from German trumpet player Volker Goetze, who is currently touring Canada with a concert series alongside Cissoko, strikes a balance between rich imagery and scholarly examination of a griot's significance. Though Griot occasionally gets lost in music at the expense of a more compelling narrative about its protagonist, it does well in uncovering a fascinating musical tradition. **MANORI RAVINDRAN**

Drama

Wadjda

Director. Haifaa Al-Mansour

Stars. Waad Mohammed, Reem Abdullah

Wadjda is a mischievous 10 year-old with her heart set on a green bicycle. She enrolls in a Koran recitation competition with an eye to using the prize money to fund her dream. Shot entirely in Saudi Arabia, Wadjda explores the hypocrisies at the heart of the country's attitudes towards women. Despite her age, Wadjda (Waad Mohammed) sees the emptiness in the hearts of the adults tasked with keeping her on the straight path. They maintain that a pious life — one that doesn't include bikes — is the only path to happiness, even while their own lives unravel. **IAN GORMELY**

Zombies

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Filmed over two years using an iPhone for an impressive first-person experience, this episodic zombie adventure is a smart, terrifying mix of ominous quiet, distressed loved ones and heart-pounding chases.

There's more to Loki than long black hair

Thor: The Dark World. Tom Hiddleston is OK with not reprising his role in the next Avengers because he's busy with other projects

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Tom Hiddleston has made a name for himself as Thor's brother and main nemesis, with Thor: the Dark World marking his third big-screen turn as the Norse god of mischief. Hiddleston even showed up to Comic-Con this summer in character to delight fans during the Marvel presentation, though his character won't be appearing in Avengers: the Age of Ultron. But that's fine by Hiddleston, who has plenty of other projects to keep him busy.

Tom Hiddleston returns as Loki next Friday in Thor: the Dark World. CONTRIBUTED

What was your honest reaction when Joss Whedon told you Loki would not be in the second Avengers film?

My honest reaction was, "That's fine." I never wanted to overstay my welcome, and I've had such a good run with the character. I've enjoyed it so much. It was expected, to be honest, that Joss told me he wasn't going to put me in it. So yeah, my honest reaction was, "All right. Maybe it's time for me to play a few characters who don't have long black hair."

Between your turns at playing Loki, you've also been working in some independent films and a ton of Shakespeare. How do you approach jumping between so many diverse projects?

I honestly love doing them all; it's really true. I get so many different things from each. I've never wanted to impose limits on my work. I never wanted to be just the Shakespeare guy and I certainly never wanted to be just the superhero guy or even the indie kid. I should be so lucky, frankly, that I get to do any of these things.

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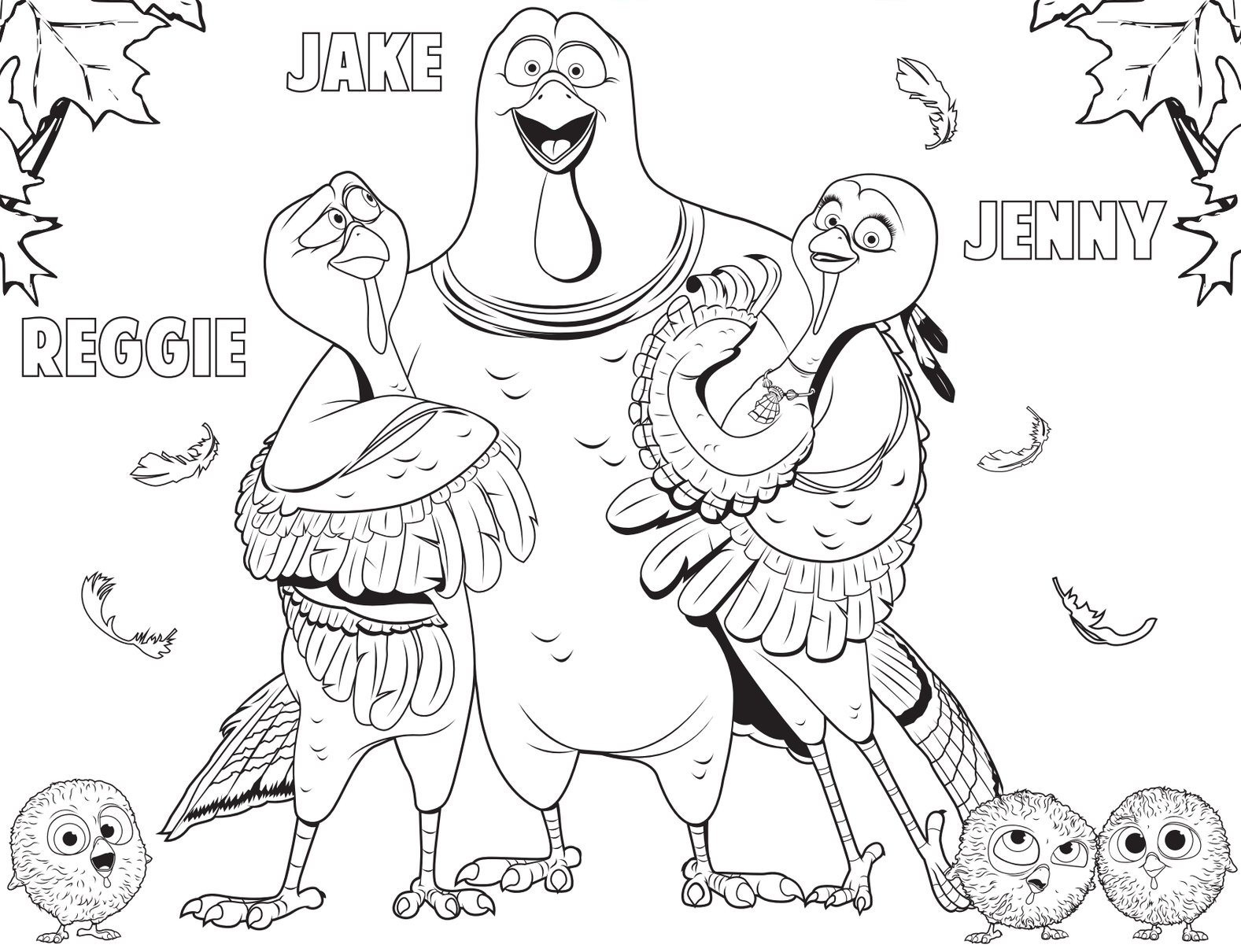

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Lou Reed wasn't perfect, but he was a 'treasure'

Death. A week after his death, musical icon's Canadian partner tells of how he was a misunderstood man

More than 40 years ago, Lou Reed sat on the floor of Bob Ezrin's house on Summerhill Avenue in Toronto, strumming an acoustic guitar and eagerly drawing up plans for the album that would become Berlin.

This past Sunday, Ezrin was about to hop a flight home from Los Angeles and spent the time mapping out a trip to New York next month. With considerable enthusiasm, he jotted down a scheduling note to himself: "Breakfast with Lou."

And then he boarded the plane, accessed the on-board wireless Internet, and saw that Reed — the massively influential Velvet Underground songwriter — had died at age 71.

"I almost fell out of my seat," Ezrin recalled in a telephone interview Monday. "I was a captive for five hours. All I wanted to do was run up and down the aisles screaming. By the time I got here, I was pretty drained.

"The world," he continues, "has lost one of its great artistic treasures."

Since Reed's death, a mourning music community has hailed the countercultural icon's limitless musical legacy, his intuitive gift for inhabiting the minds of outcasts and outsiders and his influential lack of regard for boundaries of gender or sexual orientation. Other chief features of most remembrances also focus on his irascible personality and brazen drug use.

But Reed, Hearn says, was misunderstood.

"Anyone who actually spent a little bit of time with him would see what a caring, sweet person he was," said Hearn.

"He had people coming at him from all directions all his life. So he found a way to deal with that and to keep doing what he loves; to protect his art and to protect who he was.

"Maybe he was grumpy some days. But he's human. And no one's perfect."

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Lou Reed was a misunderstood character, his writing partner says. CONTRIBUTED

Magic and loss. Patti Smith reflects on her late friend, Lou Reed

Patti Smith is remembering her friend, inspiration and fellow poet-musician Lou Reed, who died Sunday at age 71.

Smith tells The Associated Press the first time she saw Reed in person was in 1970. She says he and the Velvet Underground were performing at the Manhattan club Max's Kansas City. She says she made it her business to study him.

Smith says she is pleased by the global impact of Reed's passing and by the stories of how his songs affected people's lives.

Smith cited Pale Blue Eyes as a personal favourite. She says the ballad reminded her of her late husband, guitarist Fred "Sonic" Smith.

She also praised Reed's romantic Perfect Day. She sings it often in concert and finds herself moved when audiences join in.

Patti Smith shared her thoughts on the loss of Lou Reed. CONTRIBUTED

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Worst. Person. Ever.
Douglas Coupland's new novel takes readers on a boozy, sex-filled romp with a foul-mouthed cameraman — earnest literary critics, try to relax

MATT LAFORGE
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Douglas Coupland is Canada's official Cool Guy. He earned the title not only because he creates cool things — books of fiction, reportage, and biography; cultural commentary; visual art; sculpture; furniture — but also because, unlike, say, Drake or those guys who started VICE magazine, he plies his various trades here, in Canada, without apologizing for where he lives.

He simply, humbly, writes, sculpts, designs and collates from his base in Vancouver, telling us about our country and about the world as it's currently lived in. He works hard and produces material constantly. It's a fortunate thing that one of our culture's closest and most versatile observers is also one of its exemplars.

Coupland's newest novel, his 14th, is Worst. Person. Ever., a lewd, rude globe-trotting picaresque that follows the eponymous scoundrel, a singularly profane television cameraman named Raymond Gunt, on a calamitous sex-, booze- and four-letter-word-fuelled helltrek from London to L.A. to Honolulu to Micronesia.

Raymond, described on the book jacket as "a living, walking, talking, hot steaming pile of pure id," chases chemical and sexual pleasure with abandon, leers unself-consciously at every woman in his field of vision and frequently fantasizes about literally enslaving his fellow man. If nothing else, it's the perfect gag gift for the clergyperson on your Christmas list. I recently talked to Coupland, via email, about the book.

A theme in your fiction that goes all the way back to generation X and that is present in Worst. Person. Ever. is the human need to turn life into story. What is the difference, if any, between telling yourself stories about your life and telling yourself lies?
I think in this case it's the difference between how others see you and how you really are. Self-delusion is always funny.

Raymond Gunt tells the reader that he's charitable, understanding, worldly, open-minded and peace-loving. But his conduct, to put it mildly, suggests otherwise. Why do you think he — an impulse-driven guy who lives to party and get laid — claims so insistently that he's broad-minded and selfless?
Simple: He thinks it will somehow get him laid.

You tweeted a link to the Guardian's negative review of W.P.E., saying that the review's author "took the bait." What did you mean by that?
She took it at face value and actually thought the book was being put forth as literature — and then reviewed it as such. I mean, how fricking clueless can you be? It's a fun risqué read and seeks to be nothing more.

More online

- Read the rest of the interview — including Coupland's takes on '80s music, Alice Munro, literary experimentalism and the likelihood that the world as we know it is ending — on metronews.ca.

Much of your past work is breezy and funny but, at least as I read it, intends to rise to the level of serious art. What made you want to do something with lower esthetic stakes?
Fun! No, seriously: fun. Really. Fun.

Speaking of fun — W.P.E. has a lot of cursing and locker-roomish sex talk and a decent amount of violence. Are there any people who you think shouldn't read the book?
Not my call. But in the same way that you probably wouldn't leave martinis lying around your house, you probably might not leave W.P.E. around either.

Author Douglas Coupland chats with Matt LaForge at Metro's Toronto office earlier this week. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Who's the worst person ever in real life?
That I've met in person? The person who Raymond is modelled on — an English cameraman at a shoot I did in Los Angeles in 1993.

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Diwali fave will light up your taste buds

Palak Paneer. Puréed spinach, yogurt and, for a local twist, Canadian paneer cheese make this dish a nutritional delight

Diwali, a five-day festival of lights originating in India and celebrated around the world, will begin Sunday.

To mark the victory of good over evil, revellers light lanterns around the home, set off fireworks outside and create design patterns called rangoli on the floor using coloured powders or sand.

Food also plays an important role with families coming together to enjoy a savoury meal and share sweets.

To join in the celebration, make a simple and quick version of Palak Paneer, glowing with the warm, spicy flavours of cumin, coriander and chili powder. It cooks up quickly and pairs with a side of warm naan bread or Basmati rice,

1. In a large, deep skillet, heat butter and oil over medium-high heat until butter melts. Add onions and garlic; sauté about 2 minutes or until tender. Stir in coriander, chili powder and cumin; sauté 30 seconds or until fragrant; stirring well to prevent spices from burning.

2. Stir in puréed spinach, yogurt and salt; reduce heat to medium-low and cook covered for 10 minutes or until it starts to bubble. Stir in paneer; cook covered 6 minutes or until paneer softens and is cooked through. Give it a final stir and serve warm. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) chili powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1 package (300 g) frozen spinach, thawed and puréed
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt whisked until smooth
- Salt to taste
- 12 oz (350 g) paneer, cut into bite-sized pieces (about 2 cups/500 ml)

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Down Under inspiration

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Do you pooh-pooh Australian table wines? If so, I can't blame you. Though offering some of the wine world's most popular brands, the juice from Down Under has become repetitive.

There is plenty of good news. This time last year, I was on a three-week Aussie odyssey and had my glass filled with oodles of mind-blowing wines that are now arriving across Canada.

South Australia's McLaren Vale has perplexed me. Best known for its fuller-bodied reds (especially shiraz), I've often found many of them lacking in that punch of flavour that makes a good wine great.

I'm betting its winemakers recognized that.

On my tour, I found an invigorated region and was soon populating my tasting notebook with the words "exciting" and "innovative."

Chapel Hill 2011 Parson's Nose Shiraz ($19.99) is a perfect example of this new wave flowing from McLaren Vale. Named for an ironstone chapel built on the winery's property in 1865, it's an old school shiraz with a thick, plummy body and black, anise spice finish that makes it ideal for a juicy steak, or anything up-front and beefy. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

The right touch of heat

1. In a pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic, curry powder and ginger, and sauté for 30 seconds or until softened. Add carrots, sweet potato and red pepper and sauté for about 5 minutes or until the carrots start to soften.

2. Stir in broth and 1/2 tsp (1 ml) salt. Increase heat to high and bring to a boil, stirring often.

3. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 10 min or until vegetables are almost tender.

4. Whisk flour into cream and stir into pan with chickpeas and green peas. Simmer, stirring, for about 3 min or until sauce has thickened and peas are hot. Season to taste with salt. Serve topped with yogurt and with lime wedges to squeeze over top. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) curry powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground ginger
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into cubes
- 1 sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) reduced-sodium ready-to-use vegetable broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (250 ml) 10% half-and-half or 18% table cream
- 19 oz (540 ml) 1 can chick peas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen green peas
- Salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
- Lime wedges

The Vegetarian Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry serves four. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

NHL

Bruins overcome slow start to hunt down Ducks

Zdeno Chara scored the tying goal on a power play with under three minutes remaining in regulation and Jarome Iginla had the lone goal in a shootout to rally the Boston Bruins past the Anaheim Ducks 3-2 on Thursday night.

Carl Soderberg scored his first NHL goal and Tuukka Rask made 21 saves for the Bruins, who mustered only one shot on goal in the first period. They never sustained much of an offensive attack but still managed to snap a two-game skid.

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NHL

Low-scoring Rangers ride Lundqvist to win

Henrik Lundqvist made 29 saves in his 47th NHL shutout, and the New York Rangers won their second straight and first at home with a 2-0 victory over the lowly Buffalo Sabres on Thursday night.

Lundqvist made a late third-period save with the top of his helmet, deflecting the puck into the crowd, and then robbed Marcus Foligno with 1:20 remaining.

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Henrik Lundqvist was in vintage form with a shutout Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

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NBA

Rose sends United Center into frenzy with winning shot

Derrick Rose made a baseline floater with 5.7 seconds left to lift the Chicago Bulls to an 82-81 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday night in his first home game since he injured his left knee 18 months ago.

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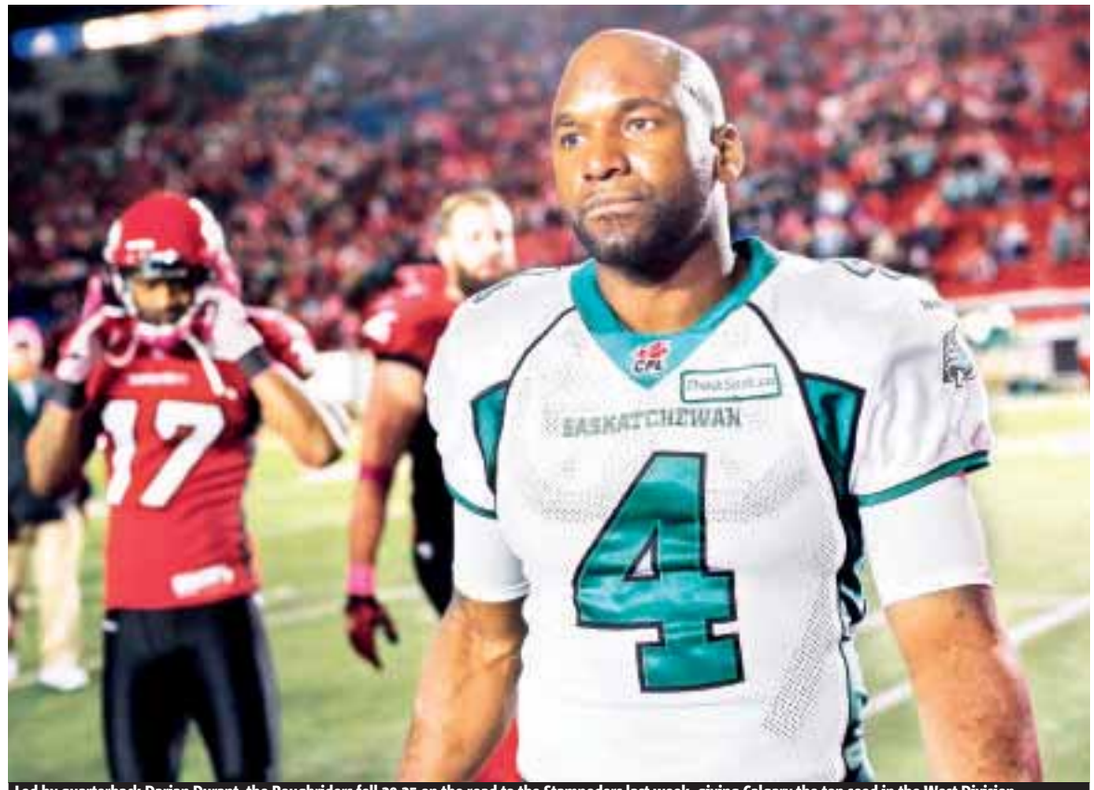

Led by quarterback Darian Durant, the Roughriders fell 29-25 on the road to the Stampeders last week, giving Calgary the top seed in the West Division.

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Riders looking to roll into post-season

CFL. After tough loss to Stampeders, Green and White look to end regular season on winning note

Ricky Foley can't wait for the start of the CFL playoffs to begin, but not at the expense of looking past the Edmonton Eskimos.

Foley and the Saskatchewan Roughriders conclude their regular season Saturday hosting Edmonton. Win or lose, the Riders (11-6) have already clinched second in the West Division — and will host B.C. in the conference semifinal Nov. 17 — while the Eskimos (3-14) are destined to finish last.

But the contest has meaning for both teams.

Saskatchewan is coming off a bitter 29-25 road loss to Calgary (14-3), which cemented first in the West for the Stampeders. Heading into the post-season having dropped two straight games would be hardly ideal for the Riders.

While there's no playoff date for Edmonton, for many of its players this will be the final opportunity to make a favourable impression, either with the Eskimos or other CFL teams, for next year.

"We can't look past Edmonton," Foley said. "If you look past Edmonton and start game-planning for and worrying about B.C. you're going to get your head kicked in by Edmonton.

"Those guys are playing for jobs and those coaches are game-planning for jobs. They're going to come in here hungry. We also don't want to be on a two-game losing streak going into the playoffs, that wouldn't be very good."

Despite its struggles, Edmonton boasts some solid offensive threats. Quarterback Mike Reilly, in his first season as a CFL starter, has thrown for 4,157 yards and 24 TDs while running for 649 yards — tops among quarterbacks — and is averaging 8.4 yards per rush.

The Eskimos also boast the CFL's top receiver in slotback Fred Stamps, who has 68 catches for a league-best 1,259 yards and 11 TDs.

"Offensively they've got some playmakers," Foley said. "Obviously Fred Stamps is special but the quarterback, man, he's just a football player.

"I've got so much respect for Mike Reilly. He's a guy I've hit a lot this year but he gets up, he doesn't complain to his O-line and being a vet I've got a lot of respect for that kind of player. He's going to be a good player in this league."

The six-foot-two, 258-pound Foley joined the Riders as a free agent last off-season after helping the Toronto Argonauts win the 100th Grey Cup game in November at Rogers Centre. With this year's CFL title game being played at Mosaic Stadium, Saskatchewan is attempting to become the third straight team to win the Grey Cup on home soil — B.C. also did it in 2011.

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Week 19 pick

Eskimos at Roughriders, Saturday, 3 p.m. (TSN)

Saskatchewan (11-6) has cemented second in the West Division and will host B.C. in the conference semifinal. But the Riders don't want to head into the playoffs having dropped their final two regular-season games.

It's been a difficult season for the Eskimos (3-14). The harsh reality is many players are now auditioning for jobs, be it in Edmonton or anywhere else in the CFL next year, and that alone is incentive enough to perform.

In the end, here's figuring the desire to post 12 wins overrides trying to finish a dismal campaign on a winning note.

Pick: Riders

4 SPORTS

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz applauds after defeating the Cardinals in Game 6 of the World Series on Wednesday night in Boston.
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World Series win caps off tragic year in Beantown

Boston Strong.
Marathon runner finds bittersweet ending in Red Sox victory

For fans, players and political leaders who celebrated the Red Sox's World Series title with cries of "Boston Strong," the championship provided a jubilant finish to a season that was shadowed nearly from the start by the April bombings at the Boston Marathon.

The morning after he cheered the victory inside Fenway Park, Ed Carlson returned Thursday to the marathon finish line he had crossed months earlier, 20 minutes before the bombs went off, and then had scrambled to find his children in the ensuing chaos.

"It was quite a year," said Carlson, 51, of Princeton, Mass. "To be at the marathon and then to be there for the World Series — I still tear up thinking about it."

The success of the Red Sox, who finished last in their division only a year ago, became a welcome surprise and eventually a symbol of resilience for a city recovering from the twin bombings that killed three people and wounded more than 260. People periodically stopped around the finish line on Thursday morning to offer a solemn tribute.

Carlson, who was taking in the scene with his 17-year-old daughter, wore a new Red Sox World Series Champions baseball hat along with the same blue and yellow marathon jacket he wore to every Sox game he attended over the season. At Wednesday night's game, he had his marathon medal in his pocket. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"To be at the marathon and then be there for the World Series — I still tear up thinking about it."
Ed Carlson, Boston Marathon runner

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Free to play. Varlamov able to travel with team while charges pending

Colorado Avalanche goalie Semyon Varlamov DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Colorado Avalanche goalie Semyon Varlamov will be able to travel with the team while prosecutors consider whether he should be charged with assaulting his girlfriend.

On Thursday, a judge said Varlamov could be released if he posted $5,000 US bond and be allowed to travel with the team but he was ordered to stay away from his girlfriend, among other restrictions.

The girlfriend told investigators that Varlamov kicked her in the chest, knocking her down, and stomped on her chest as she lay on the ground in her apartment on Monday, according to an arrest affidavit. The girlfriend, whose name was redacted, also accused Varlamov of dragging her by her hair and telling her that he would have beaten her more if they had been in Russia.

Varlamov appeared in court briefly Thursday. He spent the night in jail after turning himself in on Wednesday. He stood next to his lawyer to face Denver County Judge Claudia Jordan, who also told him, through a Russian interpreter, that he couldn't drink or possess firearms. He also had to sign a waiver that he would be immediately sent back to Colorado if he fled.

The 25-year-old turned himself in to police Wednesday evening, after practising with the team that day. He was arrested on suspicion of second-degree kidnapping and third-degree assault.

Varlamov's agent, Paul Theofanous, said he "is completely innocent of all of these charges."

Varlamov's lawyer, Jack Rotole, declined to comment on the case, saying he would defend his client in court.
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NFL. Shanahan calls Haynesworth 'lazy'

Mike Shanahan levelled a scathing critique at Albert Haynesworth on Thursday, saying the former Redskins defensive lineman was "lazy" and had a "lack of passion" and "lack of character."

The Washington Redskins coach was responding to comments made this week by Haynesworth, who told Tennessee Sports Radio that Shanahan is "conniving," self-centred and will run quarterback Robert Griffin III "into the ground."

Asked for his reaction, Shanahan began his answer and then stopped himself and started over — because he wanted to "say it the right way."

Then he hammered home a zinger.

"When you don't get along with somebody as a head coach or an assistant coach, it usually falls into one of those areas — lazy, lack of passion, and a lot of times lack of character," Shanahan said. "And he fits all three."

Haynesworth signed a $100-million free-agent contract with the Redskins in 2009, but he and Shanahan clashed frequently after the coach arrived in Washington a year later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays

New hitting coach aims to use the whole field

Throughout last season Blue Jays manager John Gibbons lauded hitters who "used the whole field," could drive the ball gap-to-gap and were not wholly dependent on a pull-happy power stroke.

It's no surprise then that the hitting coach he and GM Alex Anthopoulos have hired to replace Chad Mottola is one who shares that philosophy.

The Jays announced Thursday that Gibbons' former colleague with the Kansas City Royals, Kevin Seitzer, has been named the team's new hitting coach.

Gibbons worked alongside Seitzer with the Royals for three seasons, from 2009 to 2011, when Gibbons was the team's bench coach.

Seitzer said he developed his philosophy from his personal experience and also "special conversations with some very good hitters," singling out George Brett, Paul Molitor, Dave Winfield and about a dozen of the game's best hitters from the '80s and '90s. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be envious of a rival's success but it's a waste of time. If you compare yourself to others, you will always find someone who has done better than you. Compare yourself to who you were yesterday.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A loved one may be giving you a hard time and you may have every right to hit back at them but is that such a good idea? According to the planets, you should let it go and let them get past this negative phase.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Don't let yourself get upset about little things. The Sun's link to retrograde Mercury in the work and wellbeing area of your chart today warns you to watch your temper.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There are so many good things going on in your world that you may worry you don't really deserve it all — but you do. The planets are simply rewarding you for past efforts you made on other people's behalf.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make the most of what you have and don't worry that others may have more than you. Life is not a game where the one with the most wins. Life is a process to be enjoyed.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It would be unwise to reach a decision today without seeking advice from people you trust. With Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde you may not be seeing things straight.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to get annoyed with the varied fools you have to deal with today. They can't help it if, compared to you, they don't have a clue what's going on. If anything, feel sorry for them.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Mercury in your sign makes your mind sharper than usual but because it links to slow-moving Pluto today you may find it hard to reach any lasting conclusions. That's good, as most likely they'll be wrong.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If there is something you are hiding and you will no doubt be dismayed when it becomes public knowledge. Don't be embarrassed though, it's OK.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are more than impatient with people who move slowly. However, the more you try to hurry them along, the more they drag their feet. What can you do about it? Nothing. Perhaps you should move more slowly yourself.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Resist the urge to make decisions about your social or professional situation. With mind planet Mercury in the career area of your chart linked to unpredictable Uranus they will most likely be wrong.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It would appear that a friend is in an argumentative mood and would like nothing better than to engage you in the kind of debate you cannot win. Give it a miss! SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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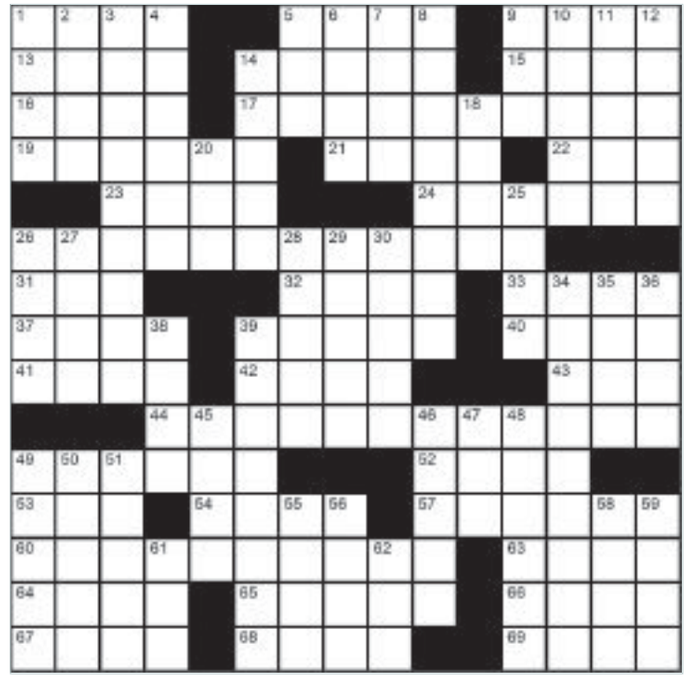
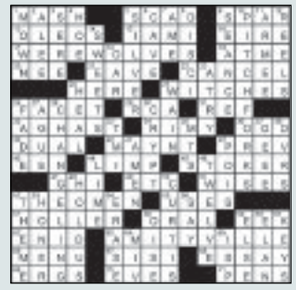


Across
1. Camera lovers
5. __ and Span
9. Mr. Carrey's
13. Bank __.
14. Bat cave fertilizer
15. About: 2 wds.
16. Woodstock's Sha __ __
17. 'Celebrating Canadian Excellence', Canada's __: 3 wds.
19. Father's dad
21. Mr. Waggoner
22. Lead-in to 'bard' (Pelt)
23. Roast: French
24. "__ __!" (Arrived-thing exclamation)
26. November 1st: 3 wds.
31. Fluffy scarf
32. Beaver State [abbr.]
33. Get _ __ (Get hired)
37. Touch down
39. Walk _ __ line
40. "Finding __" (2003)
41. Taro root
42. Inquiry [abbr.]
43. Author Ms. Hinton's
44. Christopher Plummer movie, with The: 3 wds.
49. Filmdom
52. Raison d'__
53. Fuss
54. Judi Dench/Kate Winslet movie
57. Imp
60. Parliamentary profession
63. Bit
64. __'acte (Intermission)
65. Imperial decree in tsarist Russia
66. We, in Westmount
67. Li'l travel lines
68. "Well, now...": 2 wds.
69. Hosp. readouts

Down
1. Place the picture
2. Rent-_-__
3. Holly __, Juno-winning singer/songwriter
4. "Full House" star John
5. "Dalla __ Pace": Mozart aria
6. Melancholy
7. Like ballpoints
8. American President, Calvin __ (b.1872 - d.1933)
9. Peanut butter brand
10. DWTS judge Carrie Ann
11. Michael Keaton comedy, "__. __" (1983)
12. "Can't you __ __??" (Hey, I'm over here)
14. Haida __ (Queen Charlotte Islands, now)
18. Greek cheese
20. Harper Valley gr.
25. Blue hue
26. Fit
27. Heavy haul
28. Not exactly a laugh a minute: 2 wds.
29. Sampled
30. Prefix to 'dyne' (Toothpaste brand)
34. Canadian musician of 'The Blue Guitar Sessions': 2 wds.
35. Sacred Buddhist peak
36. Pear variety
38. __ of reality
39. New tourist attraction in Toronto that's making a splash, Ripley's __ of Canada
45. Cut
46. Ms. Downey, Actress who is the President of ACTRA
47. Kingston Trio lettered song
48. Of bears
49. Escapade
50. Aerosmith's "_ __ Want to Miss a Thing"
51. Actor Nick
55. Not pleasant
56. Thailand, once
58. Give _ __ (Yank)
59. Laddie's love
61. US tax org.
62. "The second last letter is known __ _." ...said the Alphabet instructor

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9	6		7		3	4		8
		2		1		5	3	
				9	8			
8		7				6		5
			6	2				
	1	6		8		7		
5		4	2		9		8	1

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	1	7	3	8	9	4	6
9	4	7	5	6	1	2	8	3
3	6	8	4	9	2	7	5	1
5	8	6	9	2	3	1	7	4
7	9	2	1	5	4	3	6	8
4	1	3	8	7	6	5	2	9
1	7	9	6	8	5	4	3	2
6	2	5	3	4	9	8	1	7
8	3	4	2	1	7	6	9	5

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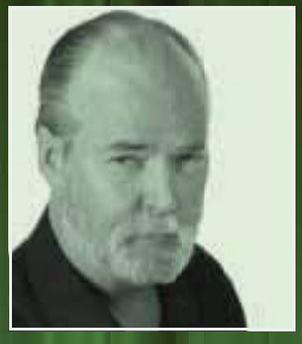

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